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# CURRENT EVENTS

In discussing such problems as unemployment, birth control—in so far as it is an economic one—trade unionism and those of a like nature, there is always a conflict between the immediate needs of the people and those of a society in the process of being rebuilt, a task spread over a period of years. In this connection some young comrades complain that FREEDOM is too mild, and when asked just wherein it fell short of their ideas one answered: "We are violent revolutionists," and, turning over the pages of FREEDOM said, "why should we be discussing this barter movement?" The implication seemed to be that we Anarchists should have nothing to do with any movement for the immediate betterment of men and women but should confine ourselves to shouting revolution. We have said and say again that in our judgment, despite the supine submission of the workers to the capitalist class and the lack of revolutionary feeling, the capitalist class will eventually and inevitably bring about a breakdown of capitalist society and with it a revolution.

We believe this for the simple reason that in all history there is no record of a ruling class voluntarily giving up any of its power or perquisites. At the same time we can not be indifferent nor do we think any Anarchist should be indifferent to the sufferings of men, women and children because they have a theory which they think will end once and for all the inequalities existing in society.

The barter movement, which as Comrade Simpson points out has various aspects, is as legitimate as trade unionism, and in our judgment far more Anarchistic. It is based upon a system of free exchange among producers. Whatever it may develop into, at present, there are no parasites in it. If industry should ever revive, and it may, the bankers will probably call the attention of the government to the fact that issuing scrip is in conflict with that dear old constitution of ours which claims a monopoly of issuing money, and unless the movement has sufficient backing the government will crush it. For, if people can issue their own money bankers might easily have to go to work like other people, and that would be too bad. More than two hundred cities in this country are carrying on barter in some form or other, and those engaged in it are exchanging everything from haircuts to potatoes and piano lessons. Perhaps all of this is what Kropotkin called the "constructive genius of the masses." At any rate, it is inspiring to think that while the "best" minds of the country in banking, industry, theology and government are unable to find a way out, know nothing, and learn nothing, a man drives into Salt Lake City with a load of potatoes, swaps some of them for a haircut and starts a movement that now embraces tens of thousands of people and exchanges hundreds of thousands of dollars of *real* wealth. That in two hundred other cities men and women are doing the same thing and all the while most of us are doing nothing more terrible or practical than making speeches and writing articles on the coming revolution is regrettable, to say the least.

Another movement that is both revolutionary and intensely practical is that of the farmers who are barring bids by mortgagees and bidding them in at a very nominal fee thereby wiping out the debt of the farmer. As these notes are being written (January 27) the New York *Times* prints a news story from Bowling Green, Ohio, of how "eight hundred grim-faced Wood County farmers silenced a finance company bidder by their numbers today, bought about $800 worth of a neighbor's property at auction for $14 and told him to keep it." Horses sold for a dime and plows for a nickel. The buyers told Kamp (the man who owned the farm), a 38-year-old father of three children, that the property would stay on his farm and they would attempt to give him a 99-year lease on it, or arrange some other legal method of transfer.

"Prosecutor Ladd said in his opinion the sale was not legal, because the finance company manager was prevented from bidding." The most encouragement he gave the company, however, was:

"If the mortgagees want redress and they think they can collect, perhaps they can sue the county for $800, charging riotous assembly."

This is far from being an isolated case. On the contrary, similar stories are coming from all parts of the country. In New York, for instance, property can be and is sold for unpaid taxes as was recently the case at Mohegan Colony where the owner had to pay between one-third and one-half as much as the taxes due in the shape of penalties to get the property back. If the spirit that animated the farmers of Bowling Green had been present the results might easily have been the same. But then we are revolutionists and as such our business is to talk. And besides, you wouldn't compare us with plain dirt farmers, would you? Answer: No we wouldn't.

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Carl Nold thinks this paper should have a lighter side. We think so too and the lighter side to a very serious subject is the ravings and funk of some of our most serious and sober minded citizens, i.e., William Green and Matthew Woll of the A. F. of L., Senator Thomas of Oklahoma and Joseph Stagg Lawrence, vice-president of Bradstreet's.

According to the report of the "President's Committee on Recent Social Trends," discussed in part in a recent number:

"Strikes have declined about 80 per cent since the World War and the membership of American trade unions declined from five million in 1920 to 3.3 million in 1931, the first time in American history that the unions did not gain in membership in a period of prosperity."

With a membership of about three million in the A. F. of L. and—according to Green's own estimate—about twelve million unemployed there is little danger of the A. F. of L. doing anything, even if they wanted to. The real secret of Green's heroics is that owing to technological development the skilled trades are being depleted at such a rate that the membership is melting away and there are no longer soft and fat jobs for the old line leaders. For years upon years the A. F. of L. has been the despair of reformers, let alone revolutionists. The leaders, if so they can be called, had such perfect machines that it was impossible to dislodge them. They organized locals with just enough members to issue a charter—in many cases only five to seven members. The various Internationals paid the expenses of those delegates to the annual or semi-annual conventions and there they would vote to continue the régime of the old guard. In other cases, plain terrorism was resorted to and all opposition was crushed. Times have changed, for with the introduction of labor saving machinery the skilled trades have been depleted to such an extent that, as the report shows us, the unions lost about 40 per cent of their members even during the golden years of 1920 to 1931. With a declining membership there is, of course, a decline in dues and the false leaders are being threatened with the poorhouse just like ordinary members, hence Green's heroics.

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Senator Thomas of Oklahoma told 450 partners of firms in the New York security and commodity exchanges and officers and directors of financial institutions at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on February 6th that the depression had been engineered here and that "you and you alone can give the order and set in motion the machinery which will pull us out of the mire." He further said: "Wheat is the lowest priced in 400 years; hogs and live stock the lowest in a century and other commodity prices and property values generally low in proportion, and yet these powerful influences responsible for this economic crime and tragedy seem to wonder why our economic structure is near collapse."

Former Senator Owen spoke and said in closing, with perhaps more vehemence than necessary to a civilized audience, "Don't tell me there's plenty of money and credit available, I know better. The thing that causes the dollar to buy more is the difficulty in getting the dollar."

The love feast was closed with a fine rebuttal on behalf of the New York financial interests by Joseph Stagg Lawrence, vice-president of Bradstreet's.

"There has been pictured to you this evening a gigantic conspiracy by men in Manhattan who have allegedly engineered this depression and who have been responsible for the failure to give the word for the resumption. As a realist, I don't think it possible. For one reason, the net profits of American corporations in 1929 were $11,500,000,000, whereas they have now shrunk to approximately $1,500,000,000. The national banks' earnings have dropped. The Stock Exchange turnover corresponding profits have declined about 80 per cent. I find it difficult to believe that these gentlemen would have done this to themselves."

At the thought of the billions of profit lost and the picture of those great minds disclaiming responsibility for conditions tears fill our eyes and make further writing impossible. H. K.

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## Technocracy and Anarchism

*By J. MARTIN*

Recently there has been a lot of talk about Technocracy. Mr. Howard Scott, in several articles and addresses to the American public, has given proof enough that the capitalist system, the whole price system, is approaching its end.

Among many other things the following appeared in *The Literary Digest*:

"In a narrower sense, Technocracy, to quote Mr. Scott, 'is a research organization, founded in 1920, composed of scientists, technologists, physicists, and biochemists.' This group, of which Mr. Scott is the leader, 'was organized to collect and collate data on the physical functioning of the social mechanism on the North American continent, and to portray the relationship of this continent and the magnitude of its operations in quantitative comparison with other continental areas of the world.'

"The Technocracy argument is that technology has so outdistanced our whole political, economic, business, and social set-up that the only salvation is to scrap everything and turn the control over to the technologists. 'Technocracy'—says Mr. Scott—'proposes no solution, it merely poses the problem raised by the technological introduction of energy factors in a modern industrial-social mechanism.

" 'The spectacle of a New Jersey rayon factory now being designed to run eventually without human labor, save for one man at the switchboard, is more than a warning of further unemployment, more than a notice to competitors that a rival has lowered his production cost to a minimum.'

" 'It is proof', in Mr. Scott's modest way of putting it, that 'the bankers, the industrialists, the Marxists, the Fascists, the economists, the soldiers and politicians are things of the past.'

"This looks pretty serious, especially when bolstered up with scores of instances and reams of figures showing the tremendous rate at which machines are displacing workers. Some interpreters of Technocracy predict 20,000,000 unemployed next winter and the complete collapse of civilization in the spring of 1934.

"Here is the cheerful side, as the Technocracy experts are quoted by Wayne W. Parrish: 'Man in his age-long struggle for leisure and the elimination of toil has finally arrived at that position where for the first time this goal is not only possible but probable. With what is known of technology today in this country it is now necessary for the adult population, ages twenty-five to forty-five, to work but 660 hours per year, per individual, to produce a standard of living for the entire population ten times [that of] the average income of 1929.' "

The only conclusion we can reach from all this is that capitalism, Fascism, Socialism and Bolshevism have all gone as far as they can, and have failed, not only in their efforts to ensure happiness to humanity, but also in their attempts to resolve the actual crisis, the actual depression, the actual misery that exists while there is at the same time so much of everything. And we, the Anarchists, must hurry to create a great Anarchist movement in America to fight for the only idea that will bring happiness to the world.

We don't see very clearly what Technocracy really means, and on what principles the Technocrats base it. When they say that "the industrialists, the Marxists, the Fascists, the economists, the soldiers and the politicians are things of the past," it leads us to believe that they are more liberal than these others and that they condemn authority, realizing that if there is so much of everything as they believe there is no need to have misery in the world, no need for man to exploit man, to boss, condemn, fight, kill man. Are these things done merely for pleasure? No. We will all be happier if we help rather than fight one another.

What do the workers and the socially conscious persons in America think about all this? Do they still believe that this is the country of liberty, of justice for all? No. In the last three years of depression they have thought about it. They are not so sure now as they once were. The Technocrats come and tell us that in this social order there is no solution to the depression. It will increase more and more as machinery continues to develop. That means that from now on because we produce a great deal with very little work we must starve. Are we going to consent to it any longer, or are we going to fight to get what belongs to us? We will have to do our own fighting, for we cannot expect anyone else to do it for us.

We as Anarchists believe that the cause of the actual social chaos lies in the exercise of authority. Where there is authority there cannot be liberty, justice or happiness. If the Technocrats realize this, so much to the good for them and all of us, but if they only want to do away with capitalism, Marxism, Fascism in order to take authority from them to give it to the technicians, so preserving the differences and hatreds between classes, they will do no good. Authority is corruption whether used by capitalists, Communists or Technocrats.

We believe that technology can help us to create a higher standard of living with little toil, incalculably higher than we know today, but we don't believe that technicians are any better than other human beings, or any less susceptible to the corruption of authority. But now that we have been assured that capitalism is falling of its own weight why don't we fight to establish the only society that will ensure complete freedom, liberty and justice for all? Let us fight for Anarchism! Let us establish Libertarian Communism in which no person can exercise authority over any other. Long life to Anarchism!

## CHICAGO COLUMN

The Middle West Conference has taken place, and I am very pleased to state that it was highly constructive both in its discussions and the resolutions adopted. It was the best Anarchist conference I have ever participated in.

Press, organization, labor unionism and unemployment were the main subjects. All very interesting, especially regarding organization. Some comrades think organization a very good thing. It is. But they seem to think that organization will do things even when they stay home and do nothing.

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## *Hoch der Adolf!*

*By DONALD CROCKER*

Hitler is Chancellor. The most vicious clown in the whole obscene brood of European politicians is to have for a while almost, but not quite, a free hand to wreak fresh woes on the masses of the Reich and it may be of the world.

That this swashbuckling, noisy fool should for one instant be entrusted with power over a nation is eloquent evidence of two facts: one, the utter desperation of the German people, plundered and betrayed again and again by every "savior" they have trusted; the other, the finale of the Republic. Of that monstrous fraud it will soon be true, if it is not already, that there are "none so poor to do it reverence."

Whither Germany now? How far into disaster will the crack-brained Nazis lead her? Hitler appears to have few or none of the qualities which have made his prototype Mussolini a mighty force for evil. That the Austrian counterfeit of the malignant Italian has the ability to forge a durable Fascist regime in Germany is extremely unlikely. Besides, Adolf's accession to a qualified power lacked the picturesqueness necessary to captivate the boobery. His was no march on Rome, but a back-room dicker among politicians—as undignified and unspectacular as any Tammany deal. And then there is the suspicion that the wily von Hindenburg and his advisers saw in the elevation of the Nazi buffoon to so conspicuous a place that all Germany couldn't help but see him for the ass he is, the surest and speediest way to dispose of a nuisance.

But suppose the full program proclaimed by Hitler is actually carried out—what a Pandora's box of plagues would be loosed upon Germany and upon Europe! Monarchism — pogroms — perhaps foreign and almost certainly civil war—and a White Terror against Labor! The last named, indeed, has already begun. No time has been lost in launching a campaign of "frightfulness" which, it is intimated, will be waged against all Marxists, whether they wear the Communist or the Social Democratic label.

Well, who, in the final analysis, is in great measure responsible for the rise of Hitlerism if not the Marxists?

The flight of the Kaiser in 1918 left political Socialism in full control of German destiny. What use was made of the opportunity? The party which professed to represent the revolutionary working class was timid, apologetic, abject in dealing with the big capitalists. It kept its militancy for the suppression of workers in revolt, and butchered the Spartacides in 1919 with a ferocity unsurpassed by the murderers of the Paris Communards. It pursued its loathsome course of vacillation, surrender, betrayal until, as a final gesture of apostasy, it supported von Hindenburg, junker and arch-militarist, for the German presidency—to "save the Republic!"

The Socialists helped elect von Hindenburg. Von Hindenburg put Hitler in power. Now Hitler threatens to destroy the Socialists. Nemesis is just.

It is an old story. Political Socialism in Italy paved the way for Mussolini. Political Socialism in Britain paved the way for Tory rule. Political Socialism in France paved the way for reactionary bourgeois ascendancy in that ill-smelling mess which is the government of the Third Republic. Political Socialism in Germany paved the way for Hitler.

Political Socialism is, it has always been, and while it survives it will always be, the Judas of the Revolution.

# EDUCATION

*By ALEXIS C. FERM*

We are so fearful lest the young shall not be put into the proper harness that in spite of our talk of freedom of expression and thought we see to it that they are given the "right" instruction in the "right" revolutionary propaganda.

Thus, a well-known comrade writes—" . . . as you now worship at the shrine of the child, making a fetish of it, trusting to its own nature, refusing to employ the subtle method of mental suggestion. In your effort to create physically and mentally vigorous men of the future, you disregard the Terrifying Present, and you may turn out hothouse plants, weaklings unfit to cope with trivial difficulties."

It is well said, "*subtle* method of mental suggestion." But a strong mind is not easily affected by subtlety. Mental suggestion to be effective calls for a receptive mind, a negative mind, not a thinking, questioning, positive mind. A positive mind should be an open mind also, ready to consider anything that will add to its own knowledge and information and that will be of help to the individual in acquiring the wisdom to make his choices.

A receptive mind was necessary in the days of mesmerism and hypnotism, but no one ever gained any character by being hypnotized into a good action. When the hypnotic spell was broken the subject returned to himself as he was before the subtle spell or mental suggestion was cast upon him.

If we are to depend on mental suggestion should we not be in fear lest the opposition use the same subtle power for its ends, and the poor receptive mind stand uncertain and wobbling between us?

I had occasion recently to see the effects of such suggestion and training on a group of boys and girls attending a well-known progressive school where a club of Young Pioneers had been formed. When singing the International they raised their right hands and substituted "soviets" for "brotherhood," etc. After they had finished their singing about brotherhood, cooperation and work I asked them what they considered the relationship between the song and their neglect of their work and their taking of things for which others had worked without the consent of the rest of the community. Of course they had no answer, for they had not connected the words of the song with their own actions. It was just a matter of words and of following the suggestions of leaders.

A good example of the result of mere training was to be found in the actions of the children when left free to initiate their own activities. For several years they had been assigned to their work, in the classroom, in the shop and on the farm. Their assignments had taken up the day until 4:15 p.m. when they were left free to do as they pleased until supper time.

The object of the school had been to help and to train them into habits of industry and the ability to do things, and to give them the mental tools with which to battle for a livelihood in a commercialized world. This was called "practical" education, though it should have been called schooling. The result of it was that when left to themselves they had no desire to do any of the things they had been trained or assigned to do. Even when they had the desire for a result they had not the will power to put themselves to work to achieve it. They said they wanted schooling, book-work, but they had no will to direct themselves to acquire it. They knew there was work to be done on the farm and in the dormitory and shops, but they always tried to get out of it, to try to get someone else to do it. Even granting that they could not be expected to feel a desire to construct things for the benefit of the school it might have been expected that they would want to construct for themselves, in their own way. On the contrary, they were so weak as to be destructive of everything they could lay their hands on, windowpanes, chairs, tools, globes, materials in the shop, food. There was no evidence that they had gotten anything out of their two or three years of assigned work but rebellion against it. In spite of which they wanted to be assigned because, they said, otherwise they could not get themselves to do what they thought they should do. They had no initiative even in matters in which they expressed an interest. But they did initiate activities in destruction, which required no planning, no organizing, no creating.

It was natural that they should develop initiative in the things they wanted to do, and knowing this we had nevertheless to protest against the destruction of the work of others. Those who were too gentle to be destructive merely walked around aimlessly, dissatisfied with their own weakness and lack of creative ability. The active boys and girls would sometimes initiate other play, but the things they did showed that they were undeveloped; they had done nothing of themselves and as growth comes only from within they had remained as little children.

However well the seed may be nourished, it grows from an inner impulse. The pollen's impulse to fertilize the ovule does not come from without. The ovum's impulse to grow is not explained by anything we can do to it. Until this is recognized there will be no real educational activities in our schools.

The depression should have taught us something of the vacuity of the school-bred mind. All our great, trained minds have been at sea as to what to do to bring about the kind of prosperity they want, not to mention the kind of prosperity that would be good for all. A prominent speaker of the Foreign Relations Association said recently over the radio that if the price of farm products could be raised the farmer would have more to spend, and that that would start manufacturing again and so call for more employment, etc., etc., and so end the depression. There has been no fundamental suggestion, no question raised as to why there is plenty and yet so many workers who need goods are without the medium of exchange. And no question as to why individuals or groups may not be permitted to go out onto good unused land to try to provide something for themselves, nor why the money that is used for charity might not better be used to help the unemployed to help themselves.

Talking about "hothouse flowers"—haven't all these unemployed been trained to battle in society as it is? Haven't they all been trained to live in the world as they find it? And now where is their stamina? Haven't they at the same time lost the ability to think and act for themselves? Are these not fundamental questions that radicals will have to answer as well as the questions of freedom and economy?

Even the editors of *The Nation* in an open letter to Technocracy say, "Unless the present system can give the people jobs and the means to buy the essentials of life it is headed for drastic change." Why does the system keep them out of jobs? Why is land protected against use? Why is a man taxed for using land for production while he who holds land out of use gets a bonus for merely holding title? Why do not the unemployed and the editors who are employed ask these questions and agitate concerning them? May it not be because they were not permitted the time for creative thinking during the process of growth? May it not be because training and propaganda have failed of their purpose to make individuals fit to do for themselves what society cannot do for them?

We do not seem to realize that society is made up of individuals, and that if individuals are weak and unthinking, society will be weak and unthinking. A few individuals may blaze the way but they cannot carry on without the worker, for the worker is society. And if the worker cannot think, cannot create, cannot act unless he is told what to do, of what use is it to preserve society?

It may be a long way back to the school, back to the life of the child, back to "worshipping the creative faculty," back from the adult to the babe in arms, but the way must be traveled if we are to preserve a society that will be worth preserving.

When you try to cultivate ground for the creative individual you will find you have a row that is hard to hoe. Every possible "practical" objection will be put in your way to divert you from your purpose.

## Letters

*Friend Ferm*:

Referring to your reference to me in FREEDOM for January I said nothing against your method of teaching children. I merely called attention to the environment every child must contact sooner or later. Their dispositions have also been affected by pre-natal conditions. There are very few teaching your way, so only a minute percentage of the children can be reached. But all are surrounded by our money-mad civilization. Children have to be taught, or trained, or influenced by their elders. They learn much by imitation, and have few good examples to imitate. The profit incentive rules their parents.

I wish you success, and more imitators.

Sincerely, W. E. Brokaw

Del Rosa, Cal., Jan. 18, 1933

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Lincoln, Calif. Jan. 27, 1933

*Dear Comrade Kelly*:

I just noticed in *Der Freie Arbeiter* (Berlin, Germany) that you are still very much alive and helping to publish FREEDOM. Please put my name on your subscription list. I shall send some money as soon as we can spare some. At present we are completely "broke." First the railroads took our pears and plums and $70 to boot; then the good Lord took our citrus fruit (frost), and two weeks ago the Bank of Lincoln closed its doors, where we had our last savings—some $350—and so we were relieved of all our worries. We have reached quite an age—Mary 72 and your humbleness is over 76, but we are well and still enjoy life—and fortunately have enough to eat.

But what is the world coming to? Some 30 years ago Thorsten Veblen told me in Chicago that the machine would break capitalism sooner than the efforts of the revolutionists, and it seems his prediction is coming true.

Congratulations and best wishes to all old friends.

Yours, A. Isaak

DETROIT

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## CHICAGO COLUMN

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They don't realize that with or without organization we need the work of individuals.

A comrade who, although believing in organization, thinks that individuals can do a lot without it, and who pointed out all that he had done alone—which was more than the average group does—had almost the best of the argument against. He was convincing, eloquent and logical. But another comrade, quite as logical and eloquent, exclaimed: "But just imagine an organized group in every city composed of five or ten active, enterprising, courageous individuals like you, these groups federated with similar groups in various cities and states. . . . Can you visualize the results?" The Conference seemed to agree with the "organization man," but I hope it did not dismiss the arguments of the "individualist." An individual alone can do much, but *two* individuals, equally active and courageous and working in accord, that is, *organized*, can do *three times* as much.

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This thought occurs to me: Who is the Anarchist, or the better Anarchist, for I don't mean to take the title from any—the one who locks himself up and philosophizes, or the one who uses all the consistent means available to go to the people, to the masses, who tries to organize them and through that organization and the contacts thus acquired succeeds in interesting them in Anarchism or persuading them to adopt Anarchist tactics and eventually to become Anarchists themselves? The answer should be obvious.

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The most interesting discussion that took place was that about the labor union problem. It was practically a one-sided affair. One comrade offered a motion, that was not even seconded, that the Middle West Conference endorse the American Federation of Labor. His reasons? . . . Well, the Anarchists believe in federalism and the American Federation of Labor is organized on a federal basis, therefore, etc. . . . By that manner of reasoning it is not in the realm of the impossible that at the next Conference a comrade will ask us to endorse the American Government, because . . . it is also federal!

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It is surprising how much importance some comrades ascribe to mere formulas, names, appearances, and how they disregard realities, facts, the spirit and aims and aspirations of institutions and organizations. The American Federation of Labor is federalist? What of it? Has that federalism prevented it from being ultra-conservative, reactionary, yellow of the yellowest—a hindrance on the road to emancipation—part and parcel of the capitalist system that the Anarchists want to overthrow and with which the American Federation of Labor has no quarrel whatever? Are not the great majority of its leaders loyal servants of capitalism and the state? Are they not living on the backs of the workers who serve as stepladders by which they may attain the political influence which is readily convertible into cash? Let us be more consistent and logical, comrade!

Of course, the Conference adopted a resolution endorsing revolutionary unionism.

Let us, by all means, have more conferences like this.

Correspondent

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### *To the Anarchists and Sympathizers in Chicago*

With the idea of laying the plans for the reorganization of our forces, now aimlessly scattered throughout the city, we are calling upon all comrades and sympathizers in and around Chicago to attend an organization meeting which will take place at 1241 No. California Avenue, Wednesday evening, March 1st at 8 P. M.

Realizing the need of unity and concerted action by the various groups and individuals, we hope that you will all come, thus helping in the rebuilding of our movement.

Fraternally yours,

The Free Society Group

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# HEADLINES

## — *of one day's news:*

Kaiser Wilhelm Ready to Return to Germany
Hitler Becomes Chancellor
Riots in Berlin After Nazi Victory
Terror Spreading All Over That Country
"Down With the Jews," is the Wild Cry of the Student Bodies
Fascists in Italy Rejoicing Over Hitler Triumph
German Jews in a United Battle-front for Their Constitutional Rights
New York Government Fights for More and Higher Taxes
Jews in Warsaw, Cracow and Jassi Threatened
Numerous Tenants Evicted in Greater New York and All Over the Country
More Murders, Holdups and Suicides in All Parts of the World
Unemployment, Destitution, Failures, Bankruptcies Rampant

*And here comes a most significant news item:*

Insurance Companies Declare a Two Hundred Million Dollar Moratorium on Farm Mortgages
One Mortgagee Slain by His Fellow Farmers for Buying in One of Their Farms at Auction
War in China More Intense Than Ever
Chinese Armies Trying to Combine in a United Front Against the Bloody Japs
Russia Is a Seething Cauldron
Hunger widespread
Revolt in North Caucasus
Fifty thousand of the most ardent Communists—shock troops—rushed over there. Also huge quantities of grain, seeds and other provisions
Ukraine is Restive, Discontented, Rebellious
Millions of peasants leaving the collectives, as the Russian soldiers left the battlefield in 1917
Railway stations, railroads and highways crowded with Russians going from city to country and back again looking for bread
Economic demobilization going on *pari passu* with forced mobilization
The only towers of strength left to the Kremlin are the bayonets of the army and the komsommoltzy
The Communist Party of three million members purged of one whole third of its membership with one blow
Zinoviev, Rykof, Eismont, Kamenieff, Lunacharsky, Tomsky and many other heads of the Soviet Government removed, and exiled or imprisoned
Whole towns evacuated and deported to distant Siberia
Martial law is the order of the day in Russia
A Hundred Thousand on Strike in the Ford Factories of Detroit
Representatives of Two Hundred American Colleges in Favor of Recognition of Russia by the U. S. A.
William Green, President A. F. of L., Threatens the American Government with Revolutionary Measures Unless Unemployment and Wagecutting Are Put an End To
France Fears Hitlerism
Both France and Germany increasing arms and armaments at a mad pace
The whole civilized world—a military camp
Riots and Demonstrations of Jobless and Bankrupt Farmers All Over the U. S. A.
India in the Throes of Revolution
Bread! No Cheap Farm Products Allowed on the Markets of the U. S. A.
No foreclosure of farms
Billions of Dollars of Deficits in the Federal Government Budget
Many Cities Literally Bankrupt
Cuba in Revolt, Latin America in Constant Revolution, Instability Everywhere.

*Remedies:*

Panaceas Galore:
Theories, ideas, ideologies, philosophies, isms and Messiahs of all sorts and types.
Communism, Socialism, Technocracy, economy, inflation, deflation.
Raise wages, cut wages; shorten the labor day, lengthen the labor day.
Raise prices of commodities, lower them.
Keep up the gold standard, off with the gold standard.
Silver dollars, electric dollars.
"Issue more billions of paper money," say the farmers and debtors.
"Curtail currency," clamor the bankers and creditors.

*Tempests on the Social Horizon*

Turmoil and travail
Chaos and confusion
The world is a boiling volcano
Political, economic and cultural eruptions inevitable.

Is the flaming lava to flood the entire civilization of our planet?

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LOS ANGELES, AT 8:30
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Confederate Libertarian Forum, 224 South Spring. Thursdays
Russian Progressive Club, 1785 East First Street. Open evenings.

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